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1. During World War II the civilian airport in Gottwaldov-Otrokovice served as a training airfield for the German airforce, as well as a testing airport for the local aircraft factory. The airport was bombed heavily during the war but was repaired after 1945. For the time being, the airport is used by the regular air traffic between Gottwaldov and Prague and as a factory training airfield for the Let plant, National Corporation in Otrokovice.
2. The airport is located on the left side of a double-track railway of the Czechoslovak Railroad, Braclov-Hulin-Prerov, between the railway track and the Morava River, south-west of the town of Otrokovice. Winds come predominantly from the north. Visibility is not too good; there are frequent fogs in the morning. The airport is 1,100 x 600 meters and is grassed over. The traffic capacity of the airfield is fairly good.
3. The control tower is located on the roof of the airport terminal, and is five meters higher than the top of the building. It is three meters square and is of wooden construction. There is a radio in the tower. The buildings are provided with red lights; a searchlight in front of the starting runway; rows of battery lights. The wind direction indicator is located on the roof of the hangar. The signal square is in front of the airport terminal.
4. Obstacles within the radius of five kilometers are as follows: On the northern side are the buildings of the factories in Batov; on the western side is a hill about 15 meters higher than the surface of the airfield. On the southern side is a railway track; on the eastern side are the hangars and the Let plant.  
Obstacles within the area of 20 kilometers are as follows: On the western side are the Chriby mountains; on the north-eastern side are Hostynske Vrchy (Hostyn Hills) with the mountain Javornik, 865 meters high.
5. The airport terminal building which contains the technical and transport offices and administrative offices, is a two-story building 40 x 20 meters with a flat roof. On the ground floor there is a kitchen and a restaurant, the transportation offices of the Czechoslovak Airlines (CSA), a room for the National Security Corps (SNB), and teletypes. The transportation offices are on the second floor. On the north-eastern part of the airfield are hangars of steel construction. There is a customs duty service in the airport, but it handles only merchandise.
6. There is a National Security Guard in the airport who checks every passenger before he enters the plane to see that he does not carry a weapon or a camera. In case a person is in a possession of such articles, the articles are temporarily confiscated by the pilot of the plane by authority of the SNB. After the landing of the

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plane, these articles are returned to the passenger. There are two ambulances at the airport. As far as I know, there was no radar equipment or antiaircraft artillery at the airport.

7. There were approximately 20 planes of various types and sizes in the airport. Of this number, about 10 were planes of modern make (Zlin 381) with military insignia. There were also three Aero 45 two DC 3s and one Siebel 204 in the airport. I do not know the number of planes in the hangars.
8. The airport is accessible from the Batov - Zlin state highway. The road is made of concrete and is six meters wide. To the southwest of the terminal, on the left side of the road, is the Let plant, National Corporation in Otrokovice. The plant makes small planes for civilian and military use, types Zlin 381, as well as gliders, type Sobaj 22 and 122. The area of the Let plant is 200 x 150 meters. The plant consists of several one and two-story buildings. The entrance to the plant goes from the road to the airport.

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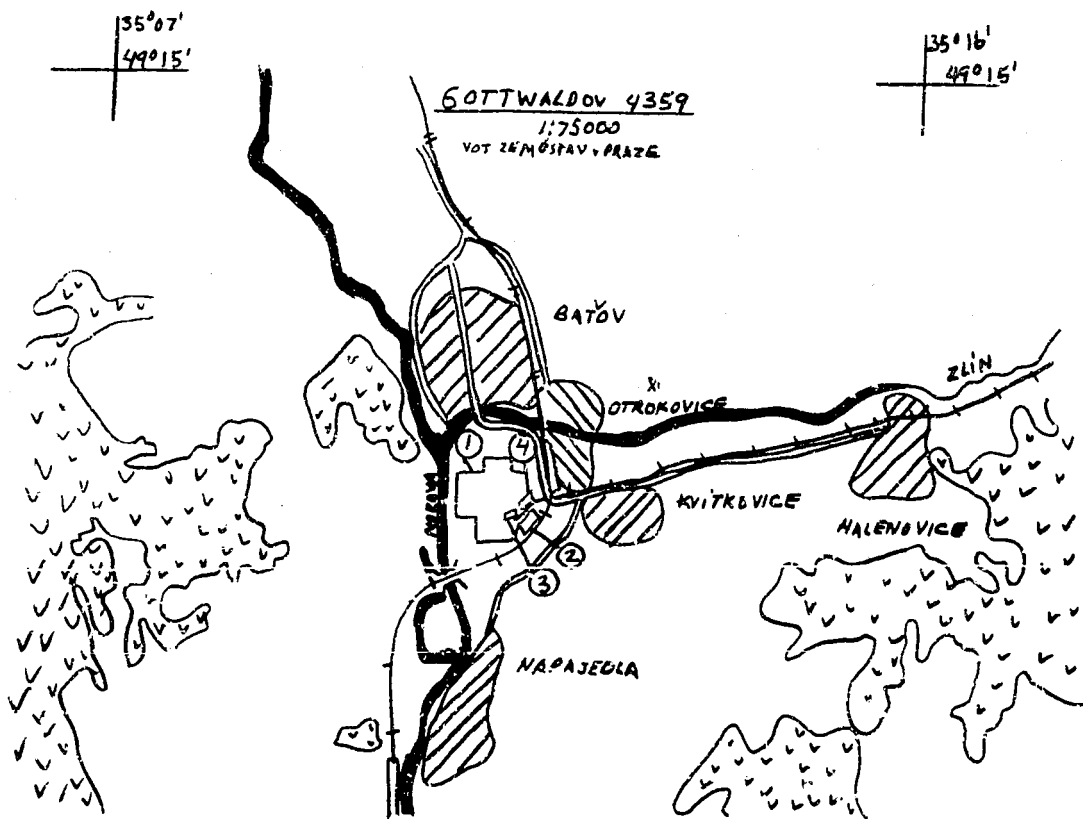
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## CIVILIAN AIRPORT IN GOTTWALDOV-OTROKOVICE WITH LEGEND



## Legend

- 1... Area of the airport
- 2... Airplane plant Let, National Corporation in Otrokvice
- 3... Air terminal
- 4... Hangars

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